

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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**DATE:** July 8, 2005

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Donna Stone, Compliance Project Manager

**SUBJECT: MOUNTAINVIEW POWER PROJECT (00-AFC-2)  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION TO MODIFY  
CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION VISUAL RESOURCES - 1 (VIS-1)  
AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF STAFF ANALYSIS**

On June 16, 2005, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Mountainview Power Company, LLC to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Mountainview Power Project.

The Mountainview Power Project is a 1056-megawatt combined cycle natural gas power plant located in the City of Redlands, in San Bernardino County. The power plant is currently under construction and is 75 percent complete.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT CHANGE**

The petition to modify the Mountainview Project proposes to alter the project's condition of certification VIS-1. Currently, the project owner must treat the project structures, buildings, and tanks in appropriate colors or hues that minimize visual intrusion and contrast to the surrounding environment, no less than 30 days prior to first turbine roll. The proposed modification would alter the timing of this requirement, allowing the treatment of the project structures, buildings and tanks within 90 days after the start of commercial operation.

**STAFF ANALYSIS**

The Energy Commission approved the Mountainview Power Plant Project on March 21, 2001.

There are no new prominent structures being introduced to the project site.

The proposed amendment does not introduce a project that has a significantly greater visual contrast, view blockage, or dominance than the project certified by the Energy Commission in 2001.

Staff has reviewed the amendment and concludes that the proposed word changes do not significantly alter the visual resources analysis conducted for the original project.

Staff concludes that with the effective implementation of the project's original conditions of certification and the proposed word changes to the VIS-1 condition, the MPPP would continue to reduce adverse visual impacts for the project to a less than significant level, and ensure that the project complies with applicable LORS regarding visual resources.

### **PROPOSED REVISION TO CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION**

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**VIS-1:** ~~Prior to first turbine roll,~~ **The** project owner shall treat the project structures, buildings, and tanks in appropriate colors or hues that minimize visual intrusion and contrast by blending with the surrounding landscape, and shall treat those items in a non-reflective finish. A specific treatment plan will be developed for CEC approval to ensure that the proposed colors do not unduly contrast with the surrounding landscape colors. The plan will be submitted sufficiently early to ensure that any precolored buildings, structures, and linear facilities will have colors approved and included in bid specifications for such buildings or structures.

**Protocol:** The project owner shall submit a treatment plan for the project to the California Energy Commission Compliance Project Manager (CPM) for review and approval. The treatment plan shall include:

- Specification, and 11" x 17" color simulations, of the treatment proposed for use on project structures, including structures treated during manufacture;
- A list of each major project structure, building, and tank, specifying the color(s) proposed for each item;
- Documentation that a non-reflective finish will be used on all project elements visible to the public;
- A detailed schedule for completion of the treatment; and,
- A procedure to ensure proper treatment maintenance for the life of the project.

If the CPM notifies the project owner that revisions of the plan are needed before the CPM will approve the plan, the project owner shall submit a revised plan to the CPM. After approval of the plan by the CPM, the project owner shall implement the plan according to the schedule and shall ensure that the treatment is properly maintained for the life of the project. For any structures that are treated during manufacture, the project owner shall not specify the treatment of such structures to the vendors until the project owner receives notification of approval of the treatment plan by the CPM.

The project owner shall not perform the final treatment on any structures until the project owner receives notification of approval of the treatment plan from the CPM. The project owner shall notify the CPM within one week after all pre-colored structures have

been erected and all structures to be treated in the field have been treated and the structures are ready for inspection.

**Verification:** At least 60 (sixty) days prior to ordering the first structures that are color treated during manufacture, the project owner shall submit its proposed plan to the CPM for review and approval.

If the CPM notifies the project owner that any revisions of the plan are needed before the CPM will approve the plan, within 30 days of receiving that notification, the project owner shall submit to the CPM a revised plan.

~~Not less than thirty (30) days prior to~~ **Within ninety (90) days after** the start of commercial operation, the project owner shall notify the CPM that all structures treated during manufacture and all structures treated in the field are ready for inspection.

The project owner shall provide a status report regarding treatment maintenance in the Annual Compliance Report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Energy Commission staff intends to recommend approval of the petition at the July 27, 2005 Business Meeting of the Energy Commission.

## **PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS**

The petition to amend the project is available on the Energy Commission's webpage at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mountainview/compliance/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mountainview/compliance/index.html).

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, and/or the Energy Commission Order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown. If you have comments on this proposed modification, please submit them to Donna Stone, Compliance Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail to [dstone@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:dstone@energy.state.ca.us) no later than July 26, 2005. The Energy Commission Order (if approved), will also be posted on the webpage.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL RESOURCES (VIS-1).**

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:**

- PETITION TO AMEND
- COMMISSION ORDER

**PROJECT:** Mountainview Power Project

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